

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S16**

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TO:	The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Diplomas		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 16 provides that, upon request, a local board of education shall award a high school diploma to any honorably discharged veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces during a war period defined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, who was enrolled in, but did not graduate from a high school located in South Carolina prior to being inducted into the United States Armed Forces. The request must be made by the veteran or an immediate family member if the veteran is deceased. The State Department of Education must promulgate regulations to establish procedures for awarding these diplomas.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education (SDE) estimates this Bill would have a recurring fiscal impact in the amount of \$38,000 depending of the number requests for a high school diploma. This cost consists of one administrative position at a salary of \$38,000 annually, including fringe benefits to manage the requests for diplomas. SDE indicates diplomas are issued by the state and not the local boards of education.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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